

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 14, lines 14-26, please replace the text with the following amended text.

As illustrated in more detail in FIG. 5, the ultrasonic hand piece 30 houses a piezoelectric transducer 36 for converting electrical energy to mechanical energy that results in longitudinal vibrational motion of the ends of the transducer. The transducer 36 is in the form of a stack of ceramic piezoelectric elements with a motion null point located at some point along the stack. The transducer stack is mounted between two cylinders 31 and 33. In addition a cylinder 35 is attached to cylinder 33, which in turn is mounted to the housing at another motion null point 37. A horn 38 is also attached to the null point on one side and to a coupler 39 on the other side. Blade 32 is fixed to the coupler 39. As a result, the blade 32 will vibrate in the longitudinal direction at an ultrasonic frequency rate with the transducer 36. The ends of the transducer achieve maximum motion with a portion of the stack constituting a motionless node, when the transducer is driven with a current of about 380mA RMS at the transducers' resonant frequency. However, the current providing the maximum motion will vary with each hand piece and is a ~~value~~ value stored in the non-volatile memory of the hand piece so the system can use it.